THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) It has been reported by AIIMS that 129573 patients have been admitted in the Institute (including centres) during the year 2005-06 as compared to a total of 109786 patients in the year 2003-04. The Institute is maintaining the required number of doctors, nurses and other staff to maintain optimal level of patients care services. At present, the total staff strength is 8653. The Institute is also making efforts to upgrade the infrastructure facilities keeping in view of advances in Medical Science and the workload.

During 2005-06 and 2006-07, the Institute was provided grant-in-aid of Rs. 323.69 crores under Plan for upgrading the existing infrastructure/ creation of new facilities for providing services to the patients. 811 additional regular posts of doctors and other staff have been created for AIIMS for the purpose of manning new facilities like Trauma Centre, IRCH, etc.

(c) and (d) The admission and death over last four years is as under:

Year	Admission	Death
2003-04	109786	2952
2004-05	121414	3077
2005-06	129573	3563
2006-07	125983	3172

Enhancement of retirement age

3300. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to increase the retirement age to 62 years from 60 years of all Central Government health service officers, teaching, non-teaching and public health experts; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Government has already enhanced the age of superannuation of doctors belonging to (i) Teaching; (ii) Non-teaching; and (iii) Public health sub-

cadres of Central Health Service from 60 to 62 years, *vide* order dated 16.11.2006.

Patient-Doctor ratio

3301. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the patient-doctor ratio in the Government hospitals in metropolitan cities, districts and block headquarters;

(b) what is the ratio of nurses-bed in the above cities in Government hospitals; and

(c) whether it is a fact that policy of recruitment of doctors and Government staff has been applied to nurses from the subordinate staff in hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject, the data in regard to doctor-patient ratio in various State Government Hospitals is not maintained centrally: The doctor-patient ratio, varies from case to case depending upon various factors like the type of disease, nature of specialization, type of patient-care required *i.e.* indoor/outdoor. According to the Medical Council of India, the allopathic doctor-population ratio at present works out to 1:1722.

The patient-nurse ratio also depends on various factors like type of patient care provided and nature of specialization etc. and varies from 5:1 to 19:1.

The policy of recruitment of nurses depends upon the number of sanctioned position in a hospital and nursing qualification prescribed for the recruitment of nurses.

Clinical trials regulation measures

3302. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is turning into a hub for clinical trials for multinational companies;